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SUBJECT: CU/ARTS: VENICE INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL

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1. NADINE CHAVEAU, UNESCO CULTURAL HERITAGE DEPARTMENT, TOLD DELOFF IN RESPONSE REFTEL QUERY THAT GRAHAM DANCE COMPANY MANAGER HAS BEEN BADLY MISINFORMED ABOUT FUNDING AND IMPORTANCE OF SUBJECT FESTIVAL.

2. WHILE CHAVEAU DOES NOT HAVE DETAILS OF FESTIVAL BACKERS AND PATRONAGE, SHE HAS BEEN ASSURED BY MAURICE HUISMAN, DIRECTOR OF THEATRE DE LA MONNAIE IN BRUSSELS, THAT FULLY ADEQUATE FUNDING HAS RPT HAS BEEN ASSURED. CHAVEAU NOTED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT ITALIAN FINANCE MINISTER HAS ACCEPTED PRESIDENCY OF FESTIVAL COMMITTEE WHICH ENTAILS GOI FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION. FURTHER, SHE RECENTLY INFORMED BY GOF SECRETARY OF STATE FOR CULTURE THAT FRENCH GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO MAKE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION.

3. CHAVEAU SAID FESTIVAL WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT AND WELL PUBLICIZED ARTISTIC EVENT DUE PARTICIPATION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESTIGIOUS DANCE COMPANIES, INCLUDING GRAHAM COMPANY TO

WHOSE PARTICIPATION FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE.

4. CHAVEAU CONTRADICTED REFTEL STATEMENT THAT SHE HAD BEEN INFORMED LAST FALL, PRESUMABLY BY GOOD (US NATCOM), THAT "NO USG FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE THIS EVENT," AND SAID SHE HITHERTO UNAWARE USG COULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TO EVENT OF THIS IMPORTANCE.

5. COMMENT: PERMDEL SUGGESTS THAT US NATCOM CONTACT MAURICE HUISMAN (TELEPHONE: 2L7-2211; ADDRESS: 4 RUE LEOPOLD, BRUSSELS 1000) FOR CONFIRMING DETAILS ON FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION OF GOVERNMENTS AND OTHERS. DEPARTMENT AND NATCOM MAY WISH TO RECONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF USG CONTRIBUTION, ABSENCE OF WHICH LIKELY TO BE REMARKED UPON AND MISINTERPRETED.
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